**Amount allocated for construction of National Highway during the 7th Five Year Plan**

4847. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the outlay of Seventh Five Year Plan for the expansion and conversion of National Highways according to 20 year framework of Planning Commission ;

(b) what is the total kilometers which have been converted into National Highway during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ;

(c) whether the amount allocated in the Seventh Plan for the Project has been spent ;

(d) the number of proposals which have been included for the expansion and conversion of National Highways of Gujarat during the Seventh Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The Planning Commission has not formulated any 20 year Road Development Plan for expansion or conversion of existing roads as National Highways. Notwithstanding this, an outlay of Rs. 5.00 crore was earmarked for declaration of new National Highways during the 7th Five Year Plan period by the Planning Commission.

(b) 1902 km.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The following two roads have been included in the National Highway grid in the 7th Five Year Plan in Gujarat viz :

(1) Ahmedabad-Vadodara Express-way NE 1, length 93 km.

(2) Bewar-Sirohi-Radhanpur NH 14, length 140 km.

**Money deposited in Cooperative Banks by Seamen's Welfare Fund**

4848. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large sum of money deposited with many cooperative banks in the country, by the Seamen's Welfare Fund is blocked as unrecoverabale ;

(b) whether any investigation has been made by the Directorate General of Shipping on the placement of funds and if so, what are the details of the findings ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure proper and full recovery of funds for the Welfare of seamen and what interim steps relief Government are going to take to protect the families of seamen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) The Seafarers Welfare Fund Society is a Society registered under Indian Societies Act, 1860 and funds of the Society are received from Shipowners. The affairs of the Society are vested in a Committee of Management consisting of representatives of Seafarers Unions, Merchant Navy Officers, Indian & Foreign Shipowners, and Government. A sum of Rs. 38.70 crores has been invested by the Society in Nationalised Banks, Public Sector Undertakings, Gove. Promissory Notes and Cooperative Banks.

Out of this amount of Rs. 38.70 crores, Rs. 9.78 crores has been invested in 10 Cooperative Banks. Three Cooperative Banks, wherein a sum of Rs. 1.90 crores has been invested, are regularly paying interest on deposits. However, in the case of another three Cooperatie Banks, wherein a sum of Rs. 2.14 crores has been invested, the Reserve Bank of India has preculded them from making payment in excess of the amount specified in the directive issued by them, as these Banks are facing liquidity crunch. Further, Reserve Bank of India has stated that in respect of the remaining four Cooperative Banks, which are also facing liquidity crunch, the Society is free to take legal action against them. The Committee of Management in its meeting held on 21st April, 94 has

has inter-alia, decided to file legal suits against all the seven Cooperative Banks for recovery of the full amount of deposits along with interest. Keeping in view the substantial funds available, the Welfare measures for seamen will, however, not be affected.

**अन्तर्राज्य सड़कों/पुलों के निर्माण के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को विशेष सहायता**

4849. **श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह** : क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अन्तर्राज्य सड़कों और पुलों के निर्माण की लागत संबंधित राज्यों के बीच 50:50 के अनुपात में बांटी जाती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या केन्द्र सरकार अन्तर्राज्य सड़कों और पुलों के निर्माण पर आयी कुल लागत का एक तिहाई हिस्सा विशेष सहायता के रूप में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को प्रदान करने पर विचार करेगी, क्योंकि मध्य प्रदेश में अन्तर्राज्य सड़कें और पुल सात अन्य राज्यों से जुड़े हुए हैं ?

**जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर)** : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं। अन्तर्राज्यीय अथवा आर्थिक महत्व की राज्यीय सड़कों की केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित स्कीम के तहत मौजूदा प्रचलित नीति के अनुसार केन्द्र सरकार, उक्त कार्यक्रम में अन्तर्राज्यीय किस्म की सड़कों और पुलों के लिये 100% ऋण सहायता प्रदान करती है चाहे उसमें कितने भी राज्य शामिल हों।



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**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

**Report on the progress regarding intake of SCs and STs in the Railways.**

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report on the progress made in the intake of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes against vacancies reserved for them in recruitment and promotion categories on the Railways for the year ended the 31st March, 1992, (Placed in Library. see No. LT-5830/94).

**I. Bombay Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Revocation Scheme, 1994.**

**II. The Bombay Dock Labour Board.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport :—

(1) S.O. No. 203 (E), dated the 25th February, 1994 publishing the Bombay Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Revocation Scheme, 1994 under Section 8(A) of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment Act, 1948.

(2) S. O. No. 204(E), dated the 25th February, 1994 superseding the Bombay Dock Labour Board constituted vide S.O. No. 53(E), dated the 31st January, 1991, for a period of one year. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5656/94).

**I. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore and related papers.**

**II. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the G. B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Almora and related papers.**

**III. Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : Sir,